



Arts and Culture Commission  
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**NEWS RELEASE: American Folk Artist Exhibit Featuring Howard Finster**  
**Contra Costa County Arts and Culture Commission present Arts Café February 20, 2016**

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American Folk Artist Exhibit Featuring Howard Finster,  
Saturday, February 20 6-9pm  
Artu4ia, 725 Ward St. Martinez, CA

Saturday evening, February 20, ARTU4iA will exhibit featured work from the Pattie Family Collection of American Folk Art including works by well-known folk artist Howard Finster. This exhibit is part of a monthly art walk event that is powered by Artcelerator, a new collective of artists and art activists that are promoting art and events in Martinez. AC5 Arts Café will host a talk by Steven Pattie, Executive Producer and Program Creator of the film *I Can Feel Another Planet in My Soul: Strange Visions. Wondrous Art, The Remarkable World of Howard Finster*. The documentary will be shown during the talk.

The Rev. Howard Finster (1916-2001) is widely acknowledged as one of the most influential self-taught artists of the 20th century. There was never a more prolific, trained or untrained, American artist than Finster. He and his art-making are a relentless stream of consciousness, creating more than 47,000 works of art. His audacious art fueled by visions of Jesus, Elvis, angels, and other worlds challenges the senses, the art world's guardians, and the aesthetic status quo of the dominant culture. Finster first came to widespread notice in the 1980s with his album cover designs for R.E.M. and Talking Heads.

For more information about the exhibit go to [www.AC5.org](http://www.AC5.org) or contact John Kleber at ARTU4iA, 925.323.6533, [john@artu4ia.com](mailto:john@artu4ia.com).

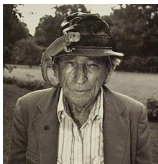


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